**NIBRS 2021 Are You Ready?**
TRANSITION
Richer Data. Reliable Results.

# NIBRS: Committing to Change

*As recommended by national law enforcement organizations, the FBI is retiring the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program's Summary Reporting System (SRS) to focus on the more detailed data captured through the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). Thousands of agencies are already submitting NIBRS and thousands more are committed to transitioning to NIBRS by the January 1, 2021, deadline. The wider data scope of NIBRS establishes a broader baseline that more precisely captures the occurrence of reported crime in a community. As more agencies make the transition from SRS, NIBRS will offer a sharper, more detailed picture of crime in the United States, equipping law enforcement at all levels to have more informed conversations about the crime in their areas as it relates to the rest of the nation's crime experience.*

## Get more detailed data with NIBRS

This example shows how NIBRS can help provide a clearer picture of crime occurrences.

*During a robbery, an offender pointed a gun at a convenience store clerk then demanded and received money. When the robber left the store, he struck an unsuspecting customer just outside the store entrance with the butt of his pistol. The robber was identified as a current employee of the store.*

Depending on the reporting method, responding law enforcement would submit the following information to the UCR Program.

**SRS:**
- Robbery
- Firearm
- Dollar value stolen
- Convenience Store

**NIBRS:**
- Robbery
- Handgun
- Dollar value stolen
- Convenience Store

**PLUS, with NIBRS we know:**
- Additional offense of Aggravated Assault
- Victim type "Individual" and data for the clerk for the Robbery, PLUS victim type "Individual" and data for the customer who was struck with the butt of the pistol in the Aggravated Assault
  - Age, sex, race, and ethnicity; and resident status (of jurisdiction) of each
  - Injuries of each
  - Relationship of each victim to the offender
- Victim type "Business" for the Robbery
- Offender age, sex, race, and ethnicity
- Bias motivation of offender (if present)
- Offender Criminal Activity/Gang Involvement (if known)
- Date and hour
- Offense completed (vs attempted)

Join these national law enforcement organizations in support of the NIBRS transition.

## Get to NIBRS

- ☐ Make the commitment!
- ☐ Name a NIBRS transition manager/ UCR contact to work with the state UCR Program
- ☐ Identify and procure necessary funding
- ☐ Secure services to build or upgrade a NIBRS-compliant system
- ☐ Map local and state statutes to NIBRS offenses
- ☐ Ensure state technical specifications are also met (if the state collection requires data elements beyond NIBRS)
- ☐ Begin and complete the NIBRS certification process for NIBRS Technical Version 3.0 or newer
- ☐ Educate local media and community members about the differences between NIBRS and SRS and how the greater specificity of NIBRS offers a more complete picture of crime occurrences
- ☐ Submit NIBRS data

Look to other agencies that have already made a successful transition to NIBRS for tips on funding, vendors, and community education.

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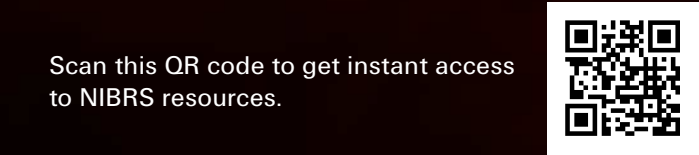## Get NIBRS data, training, and support

Get the most current NIBRS data available on the Crime Data Explorer (CDE), the FBI's digital front door for data. The CDE will continue to be the platform where archival SRS data will be available. See **www.fbi.gov/cde**.

A series of 14 NIBRS, computer-based tutorials are available through the FBI's Law Enforcement Enterprise Portal (LEEP). Access the tutorials through the LEO SIG, Uniform Crime Reporting Training; then click on the link for FBI NIBRS eLearning Series Modules. If your agency does not have single sign-on access to LEEP, apply for a LEEP account at **www.cjis.gov**.

Web: **www.fbi.gov/nibrs**
Email: UCR-NIBRS@fbi.gov
Phone: 304-625-9999
Training Email: UCRtrainers@leo.gov

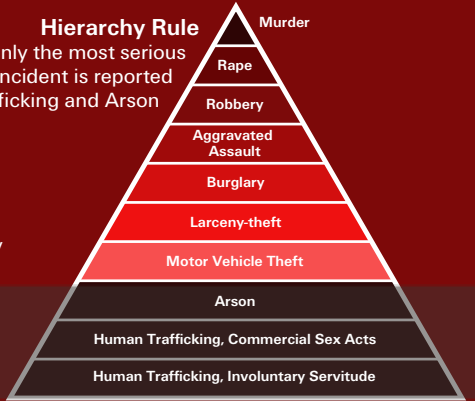Scan this QR code to get instant access to NIBRS resources.

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## SRS

**Two crime categories**
- Crimes Against Persons
- Crimes Against Property

**10 Part 1 Offenses**
(offense and arrest data)

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**Hierarchy Rule**
that dictates only the most serious offense in an incident is reported except Human Trafficking and Arson

**Victim and Offender**
age, sex, race, and ethnicity for Murder offenses only

Murder
Rape
Robbery
Aggravated Assault
Burglary
Larceny-theft
Motor Vehicle Theft
Arson
Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex Acts
Human Trafficking, Involuntary Servitude

## NIBRS

**24 Crime categories with 52 Group A offense types**
**58 Data Elements**
(offense and arrest data)

**52 Group A Offense Types**

**Three crime categories**
- Crimes Against Persons
- Crimes Against Property
- Crimes Against Society

Offense #1   Offense #2   Offense #3   Offense #4   Offense #5

**No Hierarchy Rule**
so up to 10 Group A offenses can be reported per incident

Offense #6   Offense #7   Offense #8   Offense #9   Offense #10

**Victim and Offender**
age, sex, race, and ethnicity; resident status, and victim injuries for all offenses

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## Get the Benefits of NIBRS

### Greater specificity in reporting
*"NIBRS allows law enforcement as well as the community at large to understand crime in their community in a way that is detailed and multi-dimensional. The level of specificity provided by NIBRS helps me to develop strategies to respond to trends and make decisions about educational programs that are targeted to likely victims. This empowers my department to do more than respond to crime."*

Sheriff Michelle Young
Kent County (Michigan) Sheriff's Office

### No hierarchy rule
*"The Houston Police Department is proud to be at the forefront of the NIBRS conversion. The comprehensive data NIBRS provides to law enforcement leaders, elected officials and the communities we serve allows for a much more complete assessment of crime trends. NIBRS is a must for all of law enforcement organizations committed to an evidence-based, data-driven, and intelligence-led approach to 21st Century Policing."*

Chief Art Acevedo
Houston (Texas) Police Department

### Superior level of detail
*"Data from the NIBRS is a game-changer in the future of law enforcement. Agencies are using the incident-based data for investigating, justifying the need for additional personnel, determining where to strategically place patrols, and much, much more."*

UCR Program Manager Dale King
Tennessee Bureau of Investigation

### More accurate description of crime
*"The NIBRS transition will allow us to further understand the crimes being committed on our campuses. As the public continues to ask for greater transparency and information, NIBRS is a better tool to facilitate and accomplish that request. With NIBRS as the national standard, our student populations will be able to understand how we as campuses compare to the communities they come from."*

Chief Matt Kiederlen
University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Police Department

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